## New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission Commission Meeting December 19, 2013 13-14

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman

Anthony B. Urban, Secretary Frederick H. Booth, Member Dennis H. Caza, Member Michael J. Gatsas, Member Lynn M. Presby, Member Paul M. Kelley, Director

Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director

Michael R. Williams, Procedures Administrator Stephen Johnston, Supervisor-Gaming Operations Billie Jean Arseneault, Gaming/Licensing Supervisor

Linda Glaser, Auditor Stratos Argiras, Auditor Amir Alic, Auditor

Linda R Darrow, Admin Secretary

In Attendance: Dick Bouley, Ryan Gloddy, Ed Callahan, Rick Newman, George Roberts, Jamie Timbas, Susan Geiger and others.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He opened the public hearing on Pari 1010.01 (e), Pari 1014.01 (b) and Pari 1214004 (p). The Chairman asked if there were any comments in favor of the proposal. None were forthcoming. The Chairman then asked if there were any comments opposed to the proposal. None were forthcoming. Chairman Connors closed the public hearing at 10:02 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to approve and place on file the minutes dated November 18, 2013.

## **Action Items**

- a. Staff to contact AG's office regarding Poker-Tek: Director Kelley stated that a response has been received from the AG's office stating "if the [Poker-Tek] tables cannot be used to regulate odds or provide for progression, then they would not, at this high level analysis, appear to violate the statute". Representatives from Poker-Tek will be present to discuss the machine at the next Commission meeting.
- b. Staff to request game operators provide their netting procedures: Deputy Director Naik noted that all operators submitted their netting procedures. Staff will review to verify that the operators are in compliance.
- c. Staff to contact Mr. Potts regarding Lakes Region Casino's unpaid property taxes: A second letter was sent to Mr. Potts on December 2nd since no response was received to the letter sent on November 1st. No response has been received to date. Discussion ensued. Procedures Administrator Williams handed out copies of a draft letter to be sent to Mr. Potts requesting a response by January 13th or face a possible suspension of his Facility License. It was determined that staff will mail the letter and action will be taken

- by the Commission at the next meeting based on the response or lack of response from Mr. Potts.
- d. Review of netting policy re: 10 consecutive game dates occurring at the end of one month and beginning of another; approval of October 25<sup>th</sup> minutes: Deputy Director Naik reported that netting is allowed in such a case if there is a loss. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Presby, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to have staff finalize the netting language regarding consecutive game dates and present it at the next Commission meeting.
- e. Staff to contact AG's office requesting an update on redemption slots at Jokers: Director Kelley stated that staff sent a follow-up letter dated December 2, 2013 to the AG with copies to the Manchester Police Department and the Department of Safety. No reply has been received.
- f. Staff to provide time line for rule-making process re: Technology Exclusive: Director Kelley noted Procedures Administrator Williams held the first meeting with the players and that work continues to develop guidelines and rules. Director Kelley hopes to have something to present at the February meeting.

## Old Business:

- Director Kelley stated that Mr. Torguson contacted him requesting the release of the \$25,000 bond, with accrued interest, held by the Commission. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to release the bond and accrued interest.
- Director Kelley handed out copies of the letter received from Ms. Keelan, President of Seabrook Park in which she outlines changes to the operating schedule in 2014. Chairman Connors will stay in touch with Ms. Keelan.
- Chairman Connors provided an overview of the Gaming Regulatory Oversight Authority meetings. The 3-part final report will be printed and distributed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Presby thanked Chairman Connors, Director Kelley and all those who participated in these meetings.
- Director Kelley stated that the AG's office had signed off on the 2014 racetrack licenses. On a motion by Commissioner Booth, seconded by Commissioner Presby and unanimously voted to issue the 2014 licenses to Rockingham and Seabrook.

Commissioner Gatsas reviewed the account wagering data and noted that all looked to be in order. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and unanimously voted to accept and place on file.

There being no questions or comments from the audience, at 10:50 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Booth and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting and go into nonpublic session as allowed under RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Connors	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

At 11:00 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Caza and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to come out of the nonpublic session and permanently seal the nonpublic minutes.

Connors	-	Yes
Caza	-	Yes
Booth	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., location to be determined.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Anthony B. Urban